

**To:** Khan, Annie (DPH)[Annie.Khan@MassMail.State.MA.US]  
**Cc:** Kathleen Mullins[KMullins@needhamma.gov]  
**From:** Joseph O'Brien Jr  
**Sent:** Fri 7/15/2011 3:10:08 PM  
**Subject:** Needham PD Drug Certs

Annie,

I am sending this e-mail at your request based on the conversation we had earlier today. I have questions about two different cases tested by your lab. The evidence and drug certs have been turned over to my evidence officer, Detective Kathleen Mullins and are now in the possession of the Needham Police Department.

1. The first question is in reference to Cert # [REDACTED] that was analyzed on 05/15/2011. The defendant in the case is [REDACTED] and the offense is trafficking a class B substance (cocaine). On the certification sheet your name and signature appear second with Michael Lawler's appearing before yours. Can you please clarify whether all the bags were weighed and if so what was the total weight? My concern is the total weight listed on the certification is 13.47 grams which would be .53 grams short of supporting a trafficking charge. Based on the language used on the certification it appears that only the twelve bags tested were weighed.
2. My second question is in reference to Cert # [REDACTED] that was analyzed on 06/02/2011. The defendant in the case is [REDACTED] and the item tested was residue from a plastic bag. On the certification sheet your name and signature appear first with Lisa Glazer's appearing second. The certification sheet indicates that the bag was found to contain Heroin.

Based on the appearance of the residue in the bag, I used a SIRCHIE Nark cocaine ID swipe to test for the presence of cocaine. After performing this test I observed the swipe to turn blue indicating the presence of cocaine. Because of the amount of evidence (residue) I did not perform additional tests. As a result of this test as well as other factors, [REDACTED] was charged with possession of a class B substance (cocaine). Based on our conversation, I understand that it is possible that your analysis may show the presence of cocaine in the residue in addition to the heroin.

Thank you again for taking the time to speak to me earlier today. I look forward to hearing from you again about these matters.

Detective Sergeant Joe O'Brien Jr.

Needham Police

781-540-1190 (BEST)

781-455-7570 Ext 226

[obrienjr@needhamma.gov](mailto:obrienjr@needhamma.gov)